GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2904
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RECRUITMENT OF JUDICIAL MEMBERS
E. AHAMED

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work of the Railway Claims Tribunal has been standstill for the last two years for want of recruitment of Judicial members;

(b) if so, the number of cases pending for disposal in the Tribunal as on June 30, 2000 and the steps being taken to expedite the disposal of the pending cases,

(c) whether the interview for the post of Member Judicial was held in October, 1999 and the appointment letters have not been issued so far to the selected candidates due to the dispute between the Chairman of the Tribunal and the Railway Board over the posting of Vice Chairman (Judicial) in Delhi;

(d) if so, the steps being taken to resolve the dispute; and

(e) the time by which appointment letters are likely to be issued to selected candidates?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS(SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) 27,759 cases are pending as on 30.6.2000. For disposal of the pending cases all out efforts are being made by the Tribunal by holding circuit benches by Chairman, Railway Claims Tribunal at Calcutta and Chandigarh.Single Member sittings have been held wherever value of cases so permit.

(c) to (e) The interview for selection for the posts of Member(Judicial) was held in October 1999 and the panel has been approved by the Competent Authority and the offers of appointment are expected to be issued very shortly.